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13 PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

14 Kindly amend Claim 1, 4 and 5 as follows:

15 1. (Once Amended) A ball throwing apparatus, comprising:

16 a. an elongated shaft having a longitudinal axis and opposite distal and proximal
17 ends; and

18 b. a ball engaging means integrally formed [located] on said distal [and] end of
19 said shaft, said ball engaging means capable of engaging a ball while holding
20 said proximal end of shaft and forcibly inserting said ball engaging means
21 around the ball, said ball engaging means capable of releasing the ball when
22 said shaft is held near said [distal] proximal end [of said shaft] and swung in a
23 circular path.

24 4. (Once Amended) A ball throwing apparatus, as recited in Claim 2, wherein [the] said